

**Minutes of the Woolaston Parish Council Planning &
Development Control Committee.**
**Held on Thursday 13th April 2017 8.00pm at the
Woolaston Memorial Hall**

- 1 Apologies for Absence:**
Andy Lord
- 2 Declarations of interest:**
None
- 3 To receive representations from the previous meeting:**
- 4 To approve minutes for the meeting of 9th March 2017**
Proposed MF seconded DS
- 5 To consider the following applications submitted by the Local Planning Authority: amended from original actually considering the following:** P0417/17/HED – removal of 60m hedgerow at St Andrews Church Woolaston support no objection. P0 – support no objections
- 6 Correspondence**
No
- 7 Any other business**
None.
- 8 Closure and date for next meeting:** Thursday 13th April 2017

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at the Woolaston Memorial Hall

Present: Councillors – Chairman, Mick Fairless, David Storrar, Mary Greenslade and David Harris.

1. Apologies for absence – Andy Lord
2. To receive declarations of interest:
3. Public Open Forum – Six members of the public were in attendance – concerns have been raised on the increased industrial activity on the field to the rear of Ring Fence. Photographs of steel posts which are crossing the centre of field in were circulated a councillor asked if the photographs had been sent to District. They had not. A second parishioner reported that the constant sound of diesel engines and generators is unpleasant often starting at 7.45am to 6.30pm, a recording of the sound was shared with the council. There is a selection of heavy plant machinery and an acrid smell that accompanies the noise most days. The concerns are that this is the first stage of development and that what was to follow could be a row of chain link fencing splitting the field in two. There is now a spur from the mains water being piped into the field. A parishioner shared the various planning permissions passed on the site. A councillor asked if it was the same field as the telephone mast, it was not. A councillor suggested that the PC and the individual parishioners should contact District to register their concerns. A parishioner was informed by the owner that a planning officer was due to visit the site as he had put planning in for an animal shelter. The Chairman agreed that WPC would write to FODDC. A parishioner whose property boundaries the aforementioned field has a large old oak tree in the border on which he has applied to have a TPO placed. He has taken this action due to the erection of the industrial fencing.
4. To confirm the minutes proposed MG and seconded DH It was requested that who the successful contractor (A M Services) was noted, proposed by DH and seconded by MG
5. To consider matters arising - none
6. To consider the following matters:
 - 6.1 Policing issues – the police currently have insufficient resources to attend meetings
 - 6.2 Highways and Footpaths – i) Churchyard road keep reporting to increase priority
 - 6.3 Maintenance - i) Ongoing skate park costs and maintenance. The Parish Clerk briefed the Council on the quote that was received, labour cost equating to £1400 for two people working for five days, this cost can be covered by the money currently in the Skate Park Bank account, the costs of materials would be the financial responsibility of the PC. It was discussed what to do about the current hole in the boards which was hazardous, various options were discussed including full removal of all board leaving just the skeleton structure, but it was eventually proposed that the hole be

temporarily boarded over, with a 'danger keep out' sign (DH and SR to arrange) 4 votes for 1 against. . ii) hole in the side of the skate park, Councillor Harris to investigate when fitting the board to the ramp.

- 6.4 Churchyard and Cemetery i) Report on progress of cemetery extension, the Chairman circulated the Land Registry documents for approval before signing. PCK to find invoices as evidence of historical maintenance on the cemetery ii) Burial fees increase. A table breakdown of current charges and a table showing an increase of 10% . It was agreed that there would be an increase of 10% proposed by DH and seconded SR. People tending the graves are cutting the grass around graves and throwing the waste on the heap to be removed. A quote was received from H Bendall to remove the pile for £150 this was proposed by DH and seconded by DS. PCK to Two Rivers Housing about the grass cutting along Severn View Road and along Netherend Crescent.
- 6.5 Finance - i) Balance accepted without questions, ii) Online banking iii) Financial declaration signed and agreed SR proposed these statements to be true seconded by MG.
- 6.6 To approve accounts for payment i) Merlin Waste - £27.12, ii) Web administration - £15 iii) Litter picking £390 iv) Fencing of grass keep S Davies £1590. Proposed by DH Approved seconded MG
- 6.7 **Other matters: i)** the Chairman suggested that in lieu of the donation of land that the PC offer Mr Mr Lewis and his wife a free burial plot. This will be unique offer. It will be added to the agenda for May and any thoughts discussed then and a decision made. ii) a councillor proposed that a TPO be placed on a large oak on Woolaston Common this will be put on the agenda for May.
7. To consider any other items deemed by the Chairman as urgent:
nothing
8. Date of the next meeting Thursday 11th May 2017